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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS

FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR AUGUST 7,
1975:

Q. HAVE YOU SEEN A REPORT FROM ISRAEL AND CAN YOU COMMENT
ON IT IF YOU HAVE, THAT SOVIET PILOTS ARE FLYING
RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS OVER THE SINAI DESERT IN MIG 25'S?

A. I SAW THE REPORT. I JUST DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON IT.

Q. DOES THE SOVIET UNION HAVE ANY KIND OF UNDERSTOOD
RIGHT TO CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE OVER THE SINAI DESERT AS
PART OF THE EARLIER AGREEMENTS?

A. I DO NOT KNOW. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT FOR YOU
AND I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THE SECOND QUESTION.

Q. DID SECRETARY KISSINGER SEND A MESSAGE TO PRIME
MINISTER RABIN ASKING THAT THEY EXPEDITE NEGOTIATIONS SO
THAT HE CAN GO THERE TOWARD THE END OF AUGUST?

A. I SAW THAT REPORT AND THIS HAS NO FOUNDATION, AND I
CAN DENY IT.

Q. NO LETTER -- HE SENT NO LETTER OR SPECIAL MESSAGE?

A. THAT REPORT I CAN DENY, CATEGORICALLY. AND ON THIS,
JUST SO WE CAN KEEP THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE, WE ARE
PROCEEDING IN THESE TALKS AT THE FASTEST PACE COMPATIBLE
WITH REASONABLE SUCCESS. IN OTHER WORDS, WE ARE DOING
OUR BEST TO TRY AND MOVE THE NEGOTIATIONS ALONG.
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